



SOUTHEAST ASIA RCRC YOUTH TRENDS

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YOUTH UPDATES!

2nd Asia Pacific Youth Summit was held from 20-21 October 2014 in Beijing China under the theme of “**Young Humanitarians in Action**” prior to the **9th Asia Pacific Regional Conference in 21-24 Oct.** In the SEA region, eight youth delegates from Five NSs (Cambodia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Timor-Leste) attended the Summit, re-affirmed the importance of the regional RCRC Youth Network, and endorsed Southeast Asia RCRC Youth Trends to include the SEAYN commitment in the final Beijing Youth Summit Commitment as a key component for the 9th Asia Pacific RCRC conference agenda. In the SEA regional network discussion, participants finalized the SEAYN action plan 2015-2016 drafted in Cambodia.



AN EVENTFUL END TO 2014, AN ENERGIZING START TO 2015!



Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN) meetings

SEAYN has been strengthened through two gatherings in August and December 2014. Following the Terms of Reference, the first SEAYN gathering, held in Cambodia and hosted by Cambodia 1st SEAYN Chair with 5 NSs – Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore and Lao – reviewed the 2013-2014 activities and concluded with 100% implementation of its action plan. A significant result of the gathering is the nomination of the 2nd Coordination team led by the Indonesia Chair. The second gathering for youth leaders was held in Singapore and hosted by Singapore Red Cross as a follow-up meeting after the Beijing Youth Summit and AP conference. Seven NS youth leaders from Cambodia, Lao, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Timor-Leste attended the gathering and confirmed the action plan 2015-2016 as well as advocacy and innovation plans for strengthening NS Youths and Network. It was agreed to produce **(e-) newsletters on 4 monthly basis** to share SEAYN activities with all youth stakeholders concerned. The responsibility was assumed by new elected/nominated **APYN SEA members (Youth leaders)**.





YOUTH LEADS! Youth taking the lead P2P Youth Symposium 2014

Singapore Red Cross Youth initiated YABC training and those trained youths organized the P2P (Peer to Peer) Youth Symposium in December 2014 following the SEAYN meeting with an impressive opening ceremony by mobilizing 300 Singapore youths. All SEAYN members, AP NSs and other youth organizations were invited to attend. It aimed

to create a platform for SRC youths to experience the 'Red Cross Volunteering Spirit' and also share their voluntary experiences and best practices as well as IFRC Youth Engagement Strategy – Y.E.S and Youth Beijing Commitment. They were successful in engaging Singapore youths into Community Led Action for Resilience for Elderly (CLARE) project starting 2015.

YOUTH SPEAKS! Our opinions out loud Youth Empowerment with YABC in Cambodia

Tida (YABC peer educator, 17 year old high school girl) remarked:

"After YABC training and we all peer educators designed our programme by ourselves and went to Stung Thmey Village (HIV/AIDS village) on the occasion of World AIDS day. I was assigned to play a daughter role of AIDS positive mum. I was seeking for a job in the drama. I have been rejected by several companies due to my health certificate, my mum's name in the CV and bad rumor about HIV/AIDS positive people. My colleagues tried their bests to reject me as harsh as much to address the discrimination about HIV/AIDS people and I was also so touched emotionally about this mistreatment, miserable fate and overwhelmed to shed tears without consciousness. I think this scene made all community mums shed tears and they rose up to join in the non-discrimination campaign. I changed their minds finally. I realized that this is the power of YABC and this is the role for our youths to play in the Community Resilience. Thanks a lot for me to find myself and find my role in my community." discrimination about HIV/AIDS people and I was also so touched emotionally about this mistreatment, miserable fate and overwhelmed to shed tears without consciousness. I think this scene made all community mums shed tears and they rose up to join in the non-discrimination campaign. I changed their minds finally. I realized that this is the power of YABC and this is the role for our youths to play in the Community Resilience. Thanks a lot for me to find myself and find my role in my community."



YOUTH ACTS!

A quick look at local updates



BRUNEI

Secretary General has a willingness to develop Youth in Brunei. But still there is no nomination of network members.



CAMBODIA

Youth Assembly was held in August and Youth empowerment project initiated with the support of IFRC regional office to continue in 2015.



INDONESIA

Healthy School Programme for the purpose of improving students' health launched and raised IDR 1.2 billion (about CHF 96,000) reaching 25,000 elementary and junior high-school students. An analysis on RC Youth development has been conducted.



LAO

Korean RC youth visited Lao and established friendship through cultural sharing, homestay and FA sharing.



MALAYSIA

Three youths joined in YABC training held in Singapore and became YABC peer educators.



MYANMAR

Regional Inter-Cultural and Inter-Religious (ICIR) Dialogue was held in Yangon, Myanmar 24-25 January 2015 and Hnin Phyn, network member participated and raised the voice for promoting a culture of non-violence & peace..



PHILIPPINES

Youth in disaster operation led by Head of Youth Division, Mr Ryan Jopia.



SINGAPORE

Youth-led elderly resilience programme (CLARE) started and continued with the support of SRC leadership.



THAILAND

Patty, network member joined the ICIR presenting the potential of Youths in creating the peace environment by linking of YABC, Peer education and PV.



TIMOR-LESTE

Youth Assembly was held in August and healthy lifestyle programme strengthened and continued.



VIETNAM

New structure established, but there is no nomination of network members.